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Year **1204** (**MCCIV**) was a leap year starting on Thursday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	12th century · **13th century** · 14th century
Decades:	1180s · 1190s · **1200s** · 1210s · 1220s
Years:	1201 · 1202 · 1203 · **1204** · 1205 · 1206 · 1207

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Events

- January – Four-year-old Guttorm is proclaimed King of Norway; his "reign" ends with his death a few months later.[1]
- January 28 – Byzantine emperor Alexios IV Angelos is overthrown in a revolution.[2]
- February 5 – Alexios V Doukas is proclaimed Byzantine emperor.[3]
- April 13 – Fourth Crusade: The Crusaders take Constantinople by storm, and pillage the city for 3 days. Forces of the Republic of Venice seize the antique statues that will become the horses of Saint Mark.[4]
- May 16 – Baldwin, Count of Flanders is crowned emperor of the Latin Empire a week after his election, by the members of the Fourth Crusade.[5]
- Theodore I Laskaris flees to Nicaea after the capture of Constantinople, and establishes the Empire of Nicaea; Byzantine successor states are also established in Epirus and Trebizond.[6][7]
- Boniface I, Marquess of Montferrat, a leader of the Fourth Crusade, founds the Kingdom of Thessalonica.[8]
- The writings of French theologian Amalric of Bena are condemned by the University of Paris, and Pope Innocent III.[9]
- Tsar Kaloyan is recognized as king of Bulgaria by Pope Innocent III, after the creation of the Bulgarian Uniate church.[10]
- Valdemar II of Denmark is recognized as king in Norway.[11]

1204 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1204 *MCCIV*
Ab urbe condita	1957
Armenian calendar	653 ԹՎ ՈԾԳ
Assyrian calendar	5954
Balinese saka calendar	1125–1126
Bengali calendar	611
Berber calendar	2154
English Regnal year	5 Joh. 1 – 6 Joh. 1
Buddhist calendar	1748
Burmese calendar	566
Byzantine calendar	6712–6713
Chinese calendar	癸亥年 (Water Pig) 3900 or 3840 — *to* — 甲子年 (Wood Rat) 3901 or 3841
Coptic calendar	920–921
Discordian	2370

- Angers and Normandy are captured by Philip II of France.[12][13]
- The Cistercian convent of Port-Royal-des-Champs is established.[14]
- The district of Cham becomes subject to Bavaria.[15]
- Hermann I, Landgrave of Thuringia submits to Philip of Swabia.[16]
- Beaulieu Abbey is founded.[17]
- The Channel Islands of Guernsey and Jersey decide, after a plebiscite of wealthy land owners, to remain with the English crown, after Normandy is recaptured by Philip II of France.[18]

calendar	
Ethiopian calendar	1196–1197
Hebrew calendar	4964–4965
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1260–1261
- *Shaka Samvat*	1125–1126
- *Kali Yuga*	4304–4305
Holocene calendar	11204
Igbo calendar	204–205
Iranian calendar	582–583
Islamic calendar	600–601
Japanese calendar	Kennin 4 / Genkyū 1 (元久元年)
Javanese calendar	1112–1113
Julian calendar	1204 *MCCIV*
Korean calendar	3537
Minguo calendar	708 before ROC 民前708年
Nanakshahi calendar	−264
Thai solar calendar	1746–1747
Tibetan calendar	阴水猪年 (female Water-Pig) 1330 or 949 or 177 — *to* — 阳木鼠年 (male Wood-Rat) 1331 or 950 or 178

Births

- April 14 – Henry I, king of Castile (d. 1217)[19]
- Haakon IV of Norway (d. 1263)[20]
- Henry Raspe, Landgrave of Thuringia (d. 1247)[21]
- Maria of Courtenay, Empress regent of Nicaea (d. 1228)[22]
- Abû 'Uthmân Sa'îd ibn Hakam al Qurashi, Ra'îs of Manûrqa (d. 1282)
- Alice of Schaerbeek (d. 1250)[23]

Deaths

- January 1 – King Haakon III of Norway[20]
- January – Isaac II Angelos, Byzantine emperor[24]
- February 8 – Alexios IV Angelos, Byzantine emperor[2]
- April 1 – Eleanor of Aquitaine, Sovereign Duchess Regnant of Aquitaine, queen of France and England[25]
- August 11 – King Guttorm of Norway[1]
- August 14 – Minamoto no Yoriie, Japanese shōgun (b. 1182)[26]
- September 30 or November 30 – Emeric, King of Hungary (b. 1174)[27]
- c. October 21 – Robert de Beaumont, 4th Earl of Leicester, English nobleman[28]
- November – Ban Kulin, ruler of Bosnia (b. 1163)[29]
- December 12 (or December 13) – Maimonides, Spanish rabbi and philosopher (b. 1135)[30]
- December 22 – Fujiwara no Shunzei, Japanese *waka* poet (b. 1114)
- *date unknown* – Suleiman II, Sultan of Rûm[31]
- *probable* – Amalric of Bena, French theologian[32]

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